

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Preliminarily, Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-8.

The Office Action indicates that Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as Prior Art. A proposed drawing correction labeling Figures 1-3 as such is enclosed for the Examiner's review and approval.

The non-elected claims 9-27 have been canceled.

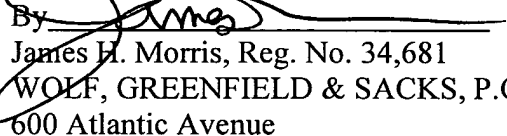
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to deposit account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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